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SUBJECT: STOPPING THE ARMS FLOWS INTO EASTERN ZAIRE

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2. RECENT REPORTING (REFS A,B,C) LENDS CREDENCE TO RUMORS OF ARMS SHIPMENTS INTO GOMA (REF D). DATT EARLIER ISSUED TWO IIRS ON THE SAME SUBJECT. PRESS QUERIES HAVE GONE FROM THE PERSISTENT TO THE INSISTENT, WITH THE LONDON OBSERVER RECENTLY PUTTING AMBASSADOR RAWSON THROUGH THE THIRD DEGREE. RWANDA VP PAUL KAGAME HAS BEEN QUOTED ON RADIO RWANDA (REF E) REFERRING TO THE SAME RUMORS, DEPLORING THE FACT THAT EX-FAR COULD RECEIVE ARMS SO OPENLY AND CALLING ON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO ASSUME ITS RESPONSIBILITY, ESPECIALLY WHAT HE TERMED THE "HOST COUNTRY".

3. THE ARMS SHIPMENTS, TRAINING OF EX-FAR AND HUTU MILITIAS, AND OTHER MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN EASTERN ZAIRE PRESENT US WITH BOTH A PUBLIC DIPLOMACY CHALLENGE AND AN OBSTACLE TO GETTING OUR REAL WORK DONE HERE. IN ADDITION IT PRESENTS A SECURITY HAZARD TO OUR OWN NATIONALS WORKING IN RWANDA. THE MORE ARMS BROUGHT IN, THE MORE LIKELY THAT VIOLENCE WILL ERUPT IN THE REGION WITH DEVASTATING RESULTS FOR U.S. OBJECTIVES AND REAL DANGER TO U.S. NATIONALS. WE OFFER HERE SOME SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO PUT A STOP TO THESE UNHELPFUL ACTIVITIES.

-- A STRONG DEMARCHE TO MOBUTU AND KENGO INSISTING THAT THE FLIGHTS AND TRAINING BE STOPPED, OFFERING THE TOOLS TO STOP THEM. THIS DEMARCHE COULD PERHAPS BE DELIVERED BY THE HIGH LEVEL MILITARY OFFICER NOW BEING SUGGESTED TO PERFORM A SIMILAR CHORE IN KIGALI.

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-- A SIMILIAR DEMARCHE ON THE NIGERIAN AUTHORITIES. A RECENT EYEWITNESS ACOUNT (REF C) OF ARMS ARRIVING ON SEVERAL NIGERIAN AIRCRAFT ARE CREDIBLE.

-- GENERATE A STRONG STATEMENT FROM THE UNSC CONDEMNING THE SHIPMENTS AND CALLING ON ALL GOVERNMENTS TO STOP THEM.

-- INITIATE DISCUSSIONS ON A REGIONAL ARMS EMBARGO TO

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INCLUDE ZAIRE AND CONSIDER PUTTING GOMA UNDER  
UNDER INTERNATIONAL CONTROL.

4. WE REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT INITIATE AN INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT OF THE SHIPMENT OF ARMS INTO GOMA AND THE TRAINING OF EX-FAR AND MILITIAS IN EASTERN ZAIRE. A SANITIZED VERSION OF ANY EVENTUAL ASSESSMENT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY WELCOME IN SHOWING OUR GOOD FAITH WITH THE GOR AND WOULD BE SHARED WITH OTHERS LIKE OAU'S SALIM SALIM WHO COULD HELP US WEIGHT IN WITH ZAIRE.

5. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. RAWSON

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